

NATIONAL PARK REFERENCE GUIDE

Educational Summary & Key Characteristics

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Park & Location	Established	Key Geographical Features	Primary Ecosystem
Yellowstone <i>Wyoming, Montana, Idaho</i> UNESCO Site	March 1, 1872	Old Faithful Geyser, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, geothermal hotspots.	Subalpine Forest
Yosemite <i>California</i>	October 1, 1890	El Capitan, Half Dome, giant sequoia groves, massive waterfalls.	Montane Ecosystem
Grand Canyon <i>Arizona</i> Natural Wonder	February 26, 1919	Exposed layers of Precambrian and Paleozoic rock, Colorado River gorge.	Desert / Riparian
Acadia <i>Maine</i>	February 26, 1919	Granite peaks, rocky shorelines, Cadillac Mountain (highest point on Atlantic).	Temperate Broadleaf
Everglades <i>Florida</i> Endangered	May 30, 1934	Sawgrass marshes, mangrove forests, interconnected wetlands.	Tropical Wetland

This chart is for educational purposes only. Data reflects official NPS records as of last update.